

LISTING OF CLAIMS

The following listing of claims incorporates all prior amendments to the claims.

1. (Previously Presented) A cable assembly for transmitting force or motion comprising:

a conduit;

a flexible core element extending through the conduit;

an elongate body having a bore disposed longitudinally therein for accommodating the conduit;

a first arm extending from the elongate body to a distal end in a lateral direction in an unflexed configuration and including a first projection from a first surface of the first arm; and

a first tab member extending in a generally longitudinal direction from the first arm to a distal end when the first arm is in the unflexed configuration, wherein moving the distal end of the first tab member towards the longitudinal axis of the bore flexes the first arm.

2. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 22, wherein the first arm and the second arm extend from the elongate body in opposite directions approximately perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the bore.

3. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 1 further comprising

a retaining member having an exterior surface and an interior surface and extending laterally from the elongate body and

a retaining member projection substantially flexibly disposed in an aperture of the retaining member, wherein a first surface of the flexibly disposed retaining member projection lies substantially flush with the exterior surface of the retaining member and a second surface of the flexibly disposed retaining member projection, opposite the first surface, extends laterally beyond the plane of the interior surface.

4. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 3, wherein the flexible retaining member projection has a beveled second surface.
5. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 22, wherein the first projection and the second projection are each beveled.
6. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 22, wherein the first arm and the second arm each comprises multiple projections.
7. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 22 further comprising a first groove disposed in and extending across the first arm and a second groove disposed in and extending across the second arm, wherein the first groove and second groove facilitates flexure of the first arm and the second arm, respectively, relative to the longitudinal axis of the bore.
8. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 7, wherein the first groove and the second groove extend across the proximal end of the first arm and the second arm, respectively.
9. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 7, wherein at least one of the first arm and the second arm comprises more than one groove disposed therein.
10. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 7, wherein at least one of the first groove and the second groove each has a rectangular shape.
11. (Previously Presented) A terminal connector comprising:
 - an elongate body having a bore disposed longitudinally therethrough and an abutment end,
 - a first arm unitary with and extending from the elongate body in a plane, having a proximal end and a distal end and comprising a first projection extending from a surface of the first arm in a direction offset from the plane of the first arm, and

a second arm unitary with and extending from the elongate body in a plane, having a proximal end and a distal end and comprising a second projection extending from a surface of the second arm in a direction offset from the plane of the second arm,

wherein the first arm comprises a first tab member extending from the distal end of the first arm in a direction offset from the plane of the first arm and wherein the second arm comprises a second tab member extending from the distal end of the second arm in a direction offset from the plane of the second arm, wherein the first tab member and the second tab member each facilitate flexure of the first arm and the second arm, respectively, when the first tab member and the second tab member are moved toward the longitudinal axis of the bore.

12. (Previously Presented) The terminal connector of claim 11, wherein the first tab member and the second tab member extend from the first arm and the second arm, respectively, in a direction substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the bore.

13. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 3, wherein a slot is formed between the first arm and the retaining member such that the first surface of the first arm and the interior surface of the retaining member face each other.

14. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 1, wherein the elongate body comprises a free end, and wherein the free end comprises an annular projection extending around its perimeter.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A cable assembly for transmitting force or motion comprising:

a conduit;

a flexible core element extending through the conduit;

an elongate body having an abutment end, a free end, and a longitudinal bore disposed therethrough for accommodating the conduit, a first arm being unitary with and extending from the elongate body in a lateral direction, having a first projection protruding from a surface of the

first arm and having a first tab member extending from the first arm in a generally longitudinal direction to a distal end, wherein the first tab member facilitates flexure of the first arm by moving the distal end of the first tab member towards the longitudinal axis of the bore;

a swivel tube having an end and a flexible core element receiving bore, the end extending into the abutment end of the elongate body;

a sleeve extending at least partially into the free end of the elongate body;

an isolator material; and

a cover mounted to the free end of the elongate body and longitudinally capturing the sleeve and the isolator material to the elongate body.

17. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 16, wherein the first projection is beveled.

18. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 16, wherein a retaining member extends laterally from the elongate body and has an exterior surface and an adjuster assembly having an aperture disposed in the abutment end and a flexible projection substantially disposed in the aperture, the flexible projection having an exterior surface being substantially flush with the exterior surface of the abutment end.

19. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 16 further comprising a first groove disposed in and extending across the first arm, wherein the first groove facilitates flexure of the first arm.

20. (Previously Presented) A terminal connector assembly for a cable assembly for transmitting force or motion comprising:

a terminal connector comprising an elongate body having an abutment end, a free end, and a longitudinal bore disposed therethrough, a first arm having a proximal end and a distal end and being unitary with and extending from the elongate body in a plane and having a first projection protruding from a surface of the first arm, and a second arm having a proximal end and a distal

end and being unitary with and extending from the elongate body in a plane and having a second projection protruding from a surface of the second arm;

a swivel tube having an end and a flexible core element receiving bore, the end extending into the abutment end of the elongate body;

a sleeve extending at least partially into the free end of the elongate body;

an isolator material; and

a cover mounted to the free end of the elongate body and longitudinally capturing the sleeve and the isolator material to the elongate body,

wherein the first arm comprises a first tab member extending from the distal end of the first arm in a direction offset from the plane of the first arm and wherein the second arm comprises a second tab member extending from the distal end of the second arm in a direction offset from the plane of the second arm, wherein the first tab member and the second tab member each facilitate flexure of the first arm and the second arm, respectively, when the first tab member and the second tab member are moved toward the longitudinal axis of the bore.

21. (Previously Presented) A remote control cable assembly for a transmission comprising:

a shifter end terminal connector assembly comprising a terminal connector comprising an elongate body and having an abutment end, a free end, and a longitudinal bore disposed therethrough, a first arm unitary with and extending from the elongate body in a plane and having a first projection protruding from a surface of the first arm, and a second arm unitary with and extending from the elongate body in a plane and having a second projection protruding from a surface of the second arm, wherein the first arm comprises a first tab member extending from the first arm in a direction offset from the plane of the first arm and wherein the second arm comprises a second tab member extending from the second arm in a direction offset from the plane of the second arm, wherein the first tab member and the second tab member each facilitate flexure of the first arm and the second arm, respectively, when the first tab member and the second tab member are moved toward the longitudinal axis of the bore, a swivel tube having an end and a flexible core element receiving bore, the end extending into the abutment end of the terminal connector, a sleeve extending at least partially into the free end of the terminal

connector, an isolator material, and a cover mounted to the free end of the terminal connector and longitudinally capturing the sleeve and the isolator material to the terminal connector;

a transmission end terminal connector assembly comprising a terminal connector comprising an elongate body and having an abutment end, a free end, and a longitudinal bore disposed therethrough, a first arm unitary with and extending from the elongate body in a plane and having a first projection protruding from a surface of the first arm and a second arm unitary with and extending from the elongate body in a plane and having a second projection protruding from a surface of the second arm, wherein the first arm comprises a first tab member extending from the first arm in a direction offset from the plane of the first arm and wherein the second arm comprises a second tab member extending from the second arm in a direction offset from the plane of the second arm, wherein the first tab member and the second tab member each facilitate flexure of the first arm and the second arm, respectively, when the first tab member and the second tab member are moved toward the longitudinal axis of the bore, a swivel tube having an end and a flexible core element receiving bore, the end extending into the abutment end of the terminal connector, a sleeve extending at least partially into the free end of the terminal connector, an isolator material, and a cover mounted to the free end of the terminal connector and longitudinally capturing the sleeve and the isolator material to the terminal connector; and

a conduit connecting the shifter end terminal connector assembly and the transmission end terminal connector assembly.

22. (Previously Presented) The cable assembly of claim 1 further comprising:

a second arm extending from the elongate body in a lateral direction and comprising a second projection from a surface of the second arm, and

a second tab member extending in a generally longitudinal direction from the second arm to a distal end, wherein moving the distal end of the second tab member towards the longitudinal axis of the bore flexes the second arm.

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